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THE NEW YEAR.

The blessings of the New Year will in all probability be similar to those of the year just past—negative rather than positive. It is perhaps not an optimistic view to expect some improvement in financial conditions, and in consequence better returns to producers and a general improvement to that extent in all classes of business. There is nothing at present, however, to warrant the expectation of a radical change for the better in the near future. On the other hand it seems more than likely that recovery from the depressed condition of the past year will be gradual. Much depends upon financial legislation, and the outcome in that respect is so uncertain that predictions are practically without value.

The winter will undoubtedly be a trying one in many localities, but with the opening of spring there is good reason to expect better times. The general shut-down of production must soon result in an excess of demand beyond the supply, and this will of necessity start the wheels of industry again and give employment to the thousands now destitute in almost every branch of industry.

Fresno, like other portions of California, has suffered less from the prevailing conditions of the past year than many localities. The hard times have been felt in the decreased consumption and consequent demand for her many products, but the essentials of life are so abundant here and the climate is so hospitable that there has been none of the actual destitution and suffering so distressingly prevalent in some of the manufacturing centers of the East and the mining districts of the Northwest.

Comparing the situation here with that of other localities, Fresno county has reason to be well satisfied with her present condition and future prospects. If the lessons learned by the experience of the past year are profited by, as they doubtless will be, they will go far towards balancing up the account favorably. Many things of practical value have been learned, and they are already being applied in a way which assures good results.

One of the most important of these lessons conveys the knowledge that diversified farming will pay, while the farmer who pins his faith exclusively to one product has far less likelihood of making a permanent success of his business. This knowledge alone, intelligently acted upon, will bring prosperity to many rural homes during 1894, and the prosperity of the farmer means the prosperity of all other branches of business in this community.

During the coming year there will be more pork, beef, poultry, butter and eggs and small fruits produced in Fresno county than during any previous year, and it is not strange that we may see a very large part of these products will be required to supply the deficiency in the home market, owing in the richest agricultural country in the world, we have been steadily exporting for domestic consumption the profitable products of the farm and garden. The tendency during the coming year will be to stop this drain of money and to retain at home the profits from the production of these necessities.

With improved general conditions by a time another crop is ready for market, the close of the present year will mean general prosperity in Fresno county, for with fair prices for her products every farmer in Fresno county gets his reward.

The advance guard of a large immigration is also beginning to arrive, and a people and new capital will contribute materially during the year to the upbuilding of important industries to the improvement of local conditions.

All things considered, the resident of our county have reason to feel that his lot has been cast in a land of sunshine and abundance, and those less fortunate have every incentive to find their way as quickly as possible to this garden spot, where sun-pleat attends the husbandman as balm as harvest follows seed time.

The Sacramento River sets a good example to every local industry in the way of having the art work done for a fourth edition by home printers, although the cost was materially greater than if the contract had been let to Kern or San Francisco houses. This he kind of practical local pride which makes good times in any community in which it is practiced. It is in king contrast to the narrow selfishness of many people calling themselves business men, who persistently aid in impoverishing the town in which they live by squeezing all they can out of it and getting elsewhere anything upon which they find it possible to save a cent. Enough business of the latter kind will kill the best in existence.

Grover proceeds to shift his cabinet furniture around as outlined in this morning's dispatches. It is feared that something may be knocked off some more finely finished pieces unless they are more than usual care, and house cleaning seems to be going rather early in Grover's establishment, anyway.

Various reasons THE REPUBLICAN has issued its annual edition today, but will probably issue in its a souvenir Midwinter Fair number at a date which will make it of practical value as a means of advertising the resources of the county.

Chronicle's Midwinter Fair edition is sufficiently voluminous for all practical purposes, and contains more information about the state than has been found in any like issue since the days of the old newspapers began.

The railroads of the country continue to go into the hands of receivers, and the probability of considerable improvement in the way of government ownership is interestingly probable.

News weathered the financial storm of 1893 in good shape. There were no bank failures, and consequently no sweeping depositors. That times will materially improve during the present year is at least probable.

As nearly every business man in town in dating papers today will write "1893" and then rub the "3" out with his finger and write a "4" over the blot, it is pertinent to suggest that this can be done without resorting to incendiary language.

The Los Angeles Times issued one of the handsomest Christmas numbers printed in the state, not excepting the metropolitan journals. The Times, by the way, has in its character and make up all the desirable features of metropolitan journalism.

The administration organs continue to be greatly displeased with the Examiner for what they are pleased to term its treachery to the Democratic party. From their standpoint the charge is well founded, but as the Examiner pretty fairly represents the views of about four-fifths of the rank and file of the Democratic party on the coast, it is probably not greatly disturbed by the execration of the pro-commerce contingent.

The dishonesty of those who undertake to defend Cleveland's Hawaiian policy is clearly shown in the fact that they studiously refrain from all mention of the fact that the revolution was precipitated by the action of the ignorant and incompetent Queen, who insisted upon the overthrow of the existing constitution and the promulgation of one which placed in her hands powers which jeopardized the rights of every resident. The example for this glaring dishonesty was set by Cleveland himself, who in his message avoided all discussion of the underlying fact in the whole controversy.

A day or two ago it was reported that Wall Street was much concerned on account of the health of the President, and that the market was probably to decline because of a report that his jaw was in bad condition and was manifesting a cancerous tendency. Now comes a report that the executive department has gone to the aid of the President, and that the President is to be able to control stocks with one's jaw—Tulare Register.

It is not surprising that Wall Street is deeply concerned regarding the condition of the able jaw which has rendered such signal service in securing a single gold standard as a financial basis in this country. It is the same jaw bone with which the creditors of this and other countries propose to complete the slaughter of one-half of the people's money. No wonder they are interested.

One of the important new industries to be established in Fresno is the immediate future is a creamery, equipped with first-class modern appliances and conducted by practical men who have been successfully engaged in the business in the east. This will furnish a market for all the surplus milk which can be produced in this locality, and will supply Fresno and adjoining towns with first-quality butter, a large proportion of which is now imported from the coast dairies. Industries which will supply the local market and do away with the necessity of importing articles which can be successfully produced here are just the things needed to make better times both for producers and consumers. There are splendid opportunities here for other industries of this character, including syrup factories, woolen mills, paper mills, etc. There are enough neglected opportunities here for profitable industries to furnish employment for many capitalists and employment for many thousands of laborers.

It is a discouraging fact that nothing but side issues are heard of in connection with proposed national legislation. Tariff "reform," the Hawaiian matter, and possible action in regard to the Nicaragua canal, are apparently occupying the larger share of the administration's attention. Conceding the importance of these issues, they are all comparatively insignificant when a solution of the present financial condition is taken into consideration. The circulating medium of the country now rests upon the single gold standard, in compliance with the wisdom of the chief executive, and the country is not even given the faintest outline of the plan, if there be such, whereby this inadequate condition is to be broadened to meet the necessities of the people. Secretary Carlisle's proposition to issue more government bonds has no more bearing on the case than the dumping of a bucket of water into the sea would have in regulating the ebb and flow of the tides. It is a temporary expedient, and does not approach a permanent solution of the question.

The benefits of irrigation for the purposes of ordinary farming and stock raising, aside from the production of fruits and vegetables, is not generally understood and appreciated. The Kern County California mentions an instance that very fairly illustrates what may be accomplished in this valley on many thousands of acres of land which are at present unproductive, and which can be brought together with the right for water for irrigation, at prices within the reach of purchasers of moderate means. The Californian says:

Among the sections of desert land which have been reclaimed this year under the management of E. M. Roberts, by having water brought in and planted corn, wheat and Egyptian corn, are two of which a careful account has been kept. These are section 32, in township 28, range 26, and section 6, in township 28, same range. In all 1100 acres of land was cultivated and the product was 17,000 bushels of Egyptian corn, each sack averaging 133 bushels. This is an average product of 16 sacks or 2128 bushels of Egyptian corn to the acre. The land was first irrigated by flooding, and as soon as teams could travel it was plowed and the corn was sown broadcast to the acre and immediately turned under with Stockton gang plows, which averaged a furrow four inches deep. There was only one irrigation. Only three two-rows were harvested, the many others that were planted being left off by stock. Upon two sections near by 600 head of cattle were fattened for market. The corn was planted between July 4th and August 15th, and the harvesting was completed just before Christmas.

Although this is a handsome yield, it is only one-half of what might have resulted had time allowed. For had barley been sown in December or January at least two tons of grain per acre could have been harvested and then Egyptian corn put in for a second crop.

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Our Democratic friends—those who publish the newspapers—seem irresistibly impelled to dwell upon their party's vox populi vox Deum. To destroy the protective tariff. They say that they were commanded by the voice of the people in thunder tones to do that thing, and they are going to do so in spite of protests of whatever nature and from whatever source they may come.

They refuse to take into consideration the fact that other motives than the tariff issue influenced the vote in 1892, and that all the states in which that issue has since been presented have declared by large majorities in favor of protection and against the proposed policy of the Democratic party on that question. If the people were entitled to be heard in 1892 they are no less entitled to be heard now, and enough of them have spoken to indicate beyond doubt that the proposed tariff legislation would be overwhelmingly repudiated if again submitted to a vote of all the people. If the people are entitled to be heard at all they have a right to be heard whenever the opportunity for expression is afforded them, but in the face of their decisions, as given at the polls in New York, Ohio, Massachusetts, Iowa and other states in the elections of last month, the Democratic administration proposes to ignore the public will there expressed and to stand by what they claim to have been the will of the people a year previous to that time.

That they are fully aware of the insincerity of their position is shown by the avidity with which they grasp at the straw afforded them in the recent election in Chicago. They assume the ridiculous position that this is a recent vindication of this proposed policy. The alleged vindication is exactly of the kind which, had it occurred in California, would have given the state to the Republicans by about 30,000 majority. In 1892 Cleveland's majority in Chicago was over 33,000. The Democratic mayor of Chicago was elected last week by a majority of less than 1200, in a vote not more than 10 per cent less than that of the Presidential election.

The Democratic party can find in the recent elections nothing but the most pronounced condemnation of the policy which it is engaged in carrying out in defiance of the wishes of the people. This is not only true of the tariff, but of the vital questions of financial legislation.

Possibly there may be a meaner and more despicable action than that of denigrating the widow and orphan of a benevolent charity, but what such action might be spurs the conception. The latest candidate for low-grade infamy is William Francis Perry, who recently absconded from Oakland with over \$8000 embezzled from the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home fund.

Perry, in addition to many high honors conferred on him by the Masonic fraternity, had been elected as secretary of this Home association. Numerous members and various subordinate bodies forwarded contributions to the fund which he converted to his own use. The site had been purchased near Niles, and arrangements made to erect the Home, but this deficit in the treasury will delay matters for some time, and thereby depriving persons are deprived of the benefits of a worthy charity. No circumstances, however pressing, can excuse or condone such conduct. A man who is so devoid of honor and integrity, and faithless to the obligations imposed by all philanthropic fraternities upon their members, as to take advantage of the confidence reposed in him to loot the treasury is a moral leper to be avoided as unfit to associate with honest, clear-minded men.

The Evening Expositor appears to be anxious that the *REPUBLICAN* should join it in manufacturing political capital out of the escape of Chris Evans. The *REPUBLICAN* politely declines. That may be well enough from a Democratic standpoint, which the Expositor is apparently occupying just at this time, and in this particular case, but from any other than a partisan standpoint there is nothing to be gained by persistently denouncing the sheriff, who is risking his life and spending his money to repair the deplorable results of a mistaken policy in dealing with this dangerous criminal. Certainly the county of Fresno cannot be benefited by a continued rending of our garments over this misfortune, nor will Chris Evans be recaptured any sooner. The *REPUBLICAN* has not been in the habit of lending its assistance to the opposition on questions of politics where no public interests could be subserved thereby, and it is rather late to begin now. The Expositor has thoroughly occupied the field in that line of policy.

The Judge has succeeded in producing the most unique cartoon of the times. It is a map of the United States in which the outlines are fairly well preserved, and which also represents the rotund and all-powerful President of the republic in pretty good form. California is very appropriately represented in the political anatomy which is commonly "fat upon."

The Madera Tribune issued on Tuesday a very creditable and useful special New Year's edition, containing a complete and reliable description of the varied resources of the new county. The edition should be given a wide circulation by the citizens of Madera, as it will not fail to attract favorable attention to the county.

Stockton will have the howitzer which came over the mountains with Fremont on exhibition at the Midwinter Fair. It will doubtless be the leading attraction in the way of guns, unless some of Chris Evans' favorite weapons should be placed on exhibit.

A Los Angeles contemporary says that the completion of an outfit sewer for that city will give a great impetus to the influx of home-seekers. It is indeed a great scheme. A tonnet influx, a sewer outfit, and Los Angeles absorbs the profits.

Good irrigated lands in Fresno county are now on the market at prices within the reach of home-seekers of moderate means. They are good investments at the present low prices, either for cultivation or speculation.

Grover is growing fatter, but a whole lot of the people who voted for him are not.

EMPLOYMENT even at low wages is preferable to charity.

The Chicago jury very sensibly took the "Chicago" out of his word and decided that he was sane enough to hang at any rate.

A CONTINUINGLY expressed opinion that Chris Evans has good judgment, and that there is no doubt about his being rather highly.

STANISLAUS county has failed to raise sufficient funds to make an exhibit at the Midwinter Fair. Samples of the moss crop should be put on exhibition at any rate.

A SONOMA farmer will exhibit a dozen potatoes at the Midwinter Fair which weigh thirty-three pounds. The spud counters will have to rise up en masse and join forces to beat that.

The San Jose Mercury remarks that this is the year of California's opportunity. It is also the year of opportunity for the thousands who are coming here. The chances for getting good land at low prices will in all probability not occur again during the present generation, if it ever does.

The sentiment of the country is strongly against the continued issuance of government bonds to meet treasury deficits, and that sentiment is evidently reflected in congress. The administration proposes, however, to continue that system, and there are good reasons for believing that Grover is a bigger man than Grover.

Consent and Mitchell may go to Cuba to have their shogging match, the Florida authorities persisting in their statement that it cannot occur in that state. Amid all the forbidding conditions of the times, the downfall of prizefighting in the United States is a cheering ray of light. It is one evidence that civilization is not entirely in vain.

Vissla papers appear to be in a rather exultant mood over the escape of Chris Evans. That is all right just now, but when Chris begins to make his usual trips from the mountains to his home near that noted village, and the Vissla officers are again engaged in organizing posses and elaborating plans for capturing the bandit, that will be different—very different.

As important contribution from Professor Hildard establishes the fact that Fresno county not only has one of the largest deposits of gypsum on the coast, but also that it is of the very best quality and perfectly adapted for the purpose of reclaiming lands too strongly impregnated with alkali. That gypsum deposit will prove to be worth millions of dollars to the San Joaquin valley and a fortune to its locators.

The Midwinter Fair is not yet ready for visitors, and will not be for at least a month. The managers have shown wisdom by deferring the formal opening until the various buildings and exhibits are put in shape. Incalculable damage was done the World's Fair by having the opening before order had been brought out of chaos, and the Midwinter managers have evidently profited by the experience of the parent show.

Newspapers which persist in referring to the people of this county as being in sympathy with Chris Evans are grossly ignorant of the facts. There is no sympathy for Chris Evans or his kind in this county, outside the criminal class, which exists in every community, and a very few of the bandit's old friends in the locality in which he lived as an apparently honest miner for a good many years. Even in that locality fear of the desperado's vengeance has far more to do with his sympathy or friendship. Sympathy for Evans, excepting that of well-known criminals, has nothing to do with his escape, and very little, if anything, with the assistance which enables him to evade his pursuers. Threats and intimidation are the means by which Evans has secured arms and food, and are the only means by which he can secure anything from nine-tenths of the people of Fresno county.

The Democratic party of California is united in sustaining the President's policy—Woodland Democrat.

To the above statement the Stockton Mail, as a representative Democratic journal, is entitled to right of way in making reply. The Mail says: "The only way of estimating the sentiment of a political party in time of peace (i.e., when there is no election on hand) is by noting the expressions of the press of that persuasion. Now it happens that the Democratic newspapers of California do not sustain the President's policy. There is not a Democratic paper of any influence in the state, save the one from which we quote and the Fresno Expositor, that has supported the President in his anti-silver policy, and his disregard of his sworn duty to enforce the law under the Geary and Sherman acts. No doubt when the time for holding the next state convention arrives the bread-and-butter brigade will be as fit in force to secure the passage of the customary complimentary resolutions, but whether they succeed, or not will be neither here nor there. That is what the bread-and-butter brigade is for. No matter what kind of resolutions may be put through under pressure of the eminent politicians who have been installed in office under the President they will not change the minds of the people, and in the final act it is the people who must put the stamp of approval or otherwise upon the record of the administration. The Democracy of California does not believe in an American money system shaped after the manner recommended by the money interests of Europe. It does not believe in making fish of one class and flesh of another in executing the laws of congress, as was done in the purchase of silver bullion and the deporation of the Chinese. The state convention may undertake to ram approval of these acts of Presidential misgovernment down the throat of the party, but the voters will have the last say in November. The wisest course to pursue would be to pass the question entirely, but by so doing the federal brigade might appear to be unmindful of the interests of their chief. So the resolutions may be expected to be put through, and be repudiated later on by the men whose function in the party is to do the voting. In our opinion, if the California Democracy formally commits itself to the policy of the President it is done up."

A SIGNIFICANT ADDRESS.

General Master Sovereign of the Knights of Labor has issued an address to the Knights of the country which carries with it more significance than might at first be supposed. He asks the Knights to protest as a body against the proposed issue of government bonds, and quotes as follows from the platform of the order:

"That interest-bearing bonds, bills of credit or notes shall never be issued by the government, but that the emergency shall be met by the issue of legal tender non-interest-bearing money."

He asks that every local assembly of the country discuss this plank at the first regular meeting in January. He says he calls for this new agitation because he has letters from the south and west saying that the issue of bonds, as asked by Carlisle, would be considered a sufficient provocation to justify a call to arms. He deprecates such a course, and suggests that on the first attempt of congress to grant the authority asked, the members of the order from Maine to California should hold indignation meetings and sent protests to their members in congress.

This address means that there is beyond question to be an organized revolt of the labor and producing elements of the country, which act in concert, against the consummation of the scheme which had its beginning in the demonization of silver and proposes to end in the issue of bonds. It will be well for the country if the Knights of Labor succeed in confining the action of the million of the people whose interests they represent to mere expressions of indignation, in the event that the administration persists in its apparent determination to permanently destroy one-half the legitimate money of the country and supply the deficiency with the interest-bearing credit of the government. If that program is carried out it will be in the face of the most violent opposition on the part of a patient and peace-loving people that has ever been witnessed in this country.

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To paint the world's ideal;
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Drawn by the treasury painter,
Keeps a blue and silver suit,
And fancies bold—or fainter.

He writes upon a roostered desk—
His chair is lashed with either down—
His walls—by some "old Master,"
Murder's best surroundings the door—
A Venus stands beside her—
A Venus power in the form—
With source a ray to hide her.

And books, like books, all couched books,
With wisdom, wit or laughter;
While tones profound—all tellum bound—
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And he sits, with hyacinth will—
With ancient sage or relic;
And never thinks of types or ink—
Of "proofs" or "corrections."

He broods upon eternal ether, he!
And fancies on his mother's name,
And while he dreams, in recovery,
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Yours is my Muse, I pray thee,
As quickly as you can assign,
And let me furnish forth this line,
Without the least "rhyme-rag."

Gaze on a warped and unkempt floor,
All covered o'er with filth—
A spavined clerk, rheumatic chair,
And half-wrecked, ten cent "quitter."

So is your scribble with purple ink—
In fact his shoes and breeches,
Are plainly much the worse for wear,
And stand in need of stitches.

He works a lunch route for "cold sweat,"
Or fancies on his mother's name—
He sweats because his pipe don't draw—
He's plugged it with a silver.

For him no time to muse and snore—
Impelled by dimes and trifles;
So time to edit and to print,
The "editorial" best of trifles.

No time to hate, no time to love—
So time to edit and to print,
He'd be held down, if called above,
To read proof before starting.

When death shall mark him for his fate—
He'll prove no King of Terrors—
For Peter's pass him thro' the gate—
A paltry fee from error.

STOCKTON MORALS.

The worst that can be said of the letter is that it possibly exaggerates in some degree the distress prevailing in that state. Whether it does that is a matter of doubt. The conditions described are somewhat worse than the average throughout the country, but it is well known that there is more distress among the people of Oregon and Washington than exists elsewhere on the Pacific coast. If Penoyer has told the truth about the condition of the people existing in Oregon, why should he be blamed for appealing to the President for relief, and stating what he doubtless believes conscientiously to be the means by which relief can be obtained?

Penoyer's methods are not above criticism, but calling him a crank and a blatherer does not dispose his statements nor the conclusions which he draws from them.

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His chair is lashed with either down—
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Murder's best surroundings the door—
A Venus stands beside her—
A Venus power in the form—
With source a ray to hide her.

And books, like books, all couched books,
With wisdom, wit or laughter;
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The "editorial" best of trifles.

No time to hate, no time to love—
So time to edit and to print,
He'd be held down, if called above,
To read proof before starting.

When death shall mark him for his fate—
He'll prove no King of Terrors—
For Peter's pass him thro' the gate—
A paltry fee from error.

How the Youth of the Slough City Conducts Itself.

I don't know but that I quite agree with Rev. Mr. McCrory concerning the moral state of the people of Stockton. I hate to be put in the light of saying anything against the promising little city that has given me honor and profits for these many years, but it seems to me that a word in this line is quite like a word in this line. I have watched the Stockton boys grow up, and it does seem to me that as fast as they get able to take a run out of knickerbockers, even at the imminent risk of cutting out, they begin to look about for wine, supper, and such other things as ordinarily go along with a swelled head and a bad digestion. Somebody told me yesterday that some young boys who were in the grammar school the last I had heard about them had given a swell ball and celebrated the event by side-tracking off to the upper room of some restaurant to have a dinner with domestic help and a bottle of champagne. If this is the way the thing is going instead of seeing one church member in ten in Stockton I much fear that in a few years our ministers will not be able

CITY OFFICERS' REPORT

The Ordinance on Fire Limits Amended.

A SALARY CLAIM DISALLOWED

City Attorney Risley Reports Sewer Election Ordinances, Which the Board Files.

At the meeting of the Board of City Trustees last night a large amount of business was transacted in a very businesslike manner.

The unusual brevity of remarks and their very pertinent character and the anxious way in which the chairman watched the clock was notably at variance with methods of the board on nights when a theater company is in town which the reporters wish to take in.

The city attorney reported a set of eight ordinances with regard to the proposed sewer bond election, which were received and placed on file. The first of these contemplated economy, in that it proposed to reduce the number of election districts from 10 to 8.

The ordinance proposed to place the first and third wards in the first precinct, the second and fourth in the second precinct, and the fifth ward in the third precinct. As it takes eight persons to run an election, the per diem is \$5, this would effect a saving of \$80 on an election.

The Board of City Trustees met at 7 o'clock last night, a full board being present.

The petition of Donahoe, Emmens & Co., by Charles Inn, requesting permission to store powder and explosives in the 1232 brick building on the Spinyard brick yard was read.

Trustee Spinyard said he objected to the petition being granted on the ground that it was objected to by citizens of the vicinity as dangerous, and besides it was on lands belonging to Trustee Spinyard.

The matter, after some discussion, was put to a vote and it was voted to reject the petition.

The petition of Bates & Boyackson, by Charles Boyackson for permission to store coal oil and gasoline in a corrugated iron building 14239, on K street, between Angell street and Nelson avenue, was read and on motion granted.

The petition of J. W. Shanklin, to have city ordinance No. 280 so amended as to exclude from the city limits fractions of lots 14, 15 and 16 in block 85, was read and on motion laid on the table.

The petition of Charles Mayer for retail liquor license came up for second reading, and on motion the board was approved and the license granted.

The city treasurer made his monthly report, which was read and on motion approved and the license granted.

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SMILE BROS. CLAIM

Chairman Letcher and Smilie Become Personal.

A VERIFIED ACCOUNT FILED

A Warrant for \$17,500 Ordered Drawn—Continued to This Morning.

The Board of Supervisors met in regular monthly session yesterday afternoon and the matter of the claim of Smilie Brothers was among the first business to come up.

The Board of Supervisors, on December 16th last, by a vote of 3 to 2, ordered a partial payment of \$17,500 to be made to the contractors, who claimed a balance of \$24,208. Messrs. Butler and Sayre voted against this, as they favored payment in full.

The board failed to order a warrant drawn, and the matter lay in abeyance until this meeting of the board. Some of the members were anxious to have the opinion of the district attorney on the status of the case, but it was not forthcoming.

After some discussion of the matter of whether a warrant should be drawn as a partial payment, it was put to a test and carried by a vote of 3 to 2. This time Messrs. Foster and Letcher voted in the negative.

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DANIELS DISAPPEARS

Wanted for Embezzlement and Forgery.

AVOIDS A BENCH WARRANT

Messrs. Parkhurst and Sam Jackson Anxious to Confer With Him.

"Pterodactyl" Daniels, the well known rascal, who has been in the city for some time, is wanted for embezzlement and forgery.

The last grand jury investigated some of his transactions with regard to the sale of some of his real estate, and finding his business methods as crooked as a quarantined snail, proceeded to indict him for embezzlement. A bench warrant was issued, but up to this date he has not been found.

The following account of his disappearance, taken from a San Francisco journal, will be of interest to a number of Fresno people.

"J. B. Daniels, the young real estate man who has been missing for a week, left his home in Oakland in order to avoid arrest for forgery and embezzlement. While he was in Fresno he became involved in some money transactions which resulted in his becoming the fraudulent possessor of some \$2000. It was because he could not repay this money to the people from whom he obtained it that he fled. Now the police are looking for him, but as yet they have obtained no clue.

"While Daniels was engaged in business in Fresno he sold a parcel of land for one of his clients and received in payment about \$1000. Instead of giving this money to the man who had owned the land he overpaid it to his own use. He expected to be able to get hold of enough money soon after to more than make good the amount. But he was disappointed. When his client made a demand for the money he managed to get a couple of hundred dollars, and then went around among his friends trying to get enough to replace the \$1000 he had appropriated.

"One of the men he went to was Samuel Jackson, an attorney. He told Mr. Jackson of the disappearance of the \$1000, and asked him to loan him the money. Jackson said he was perfectly willing to do so if Daniels would furnish him some security. The young real estate agent said that could easily be arranged, as in short time he would receive from the California Mutual Saving Fund, Loan and Building Association \$3000 in coin.

"Mr. Jackson told Daniels that if he could furnish security for \$3000 he would loan him the money. Daniels started out after some corroboration of his statement. He returned in about an hour with what purported to be a telegram, in which it was stated that the bank would loan him the money. He then went to the bank and he had mentioned would send him the coin almost immediately.

"This he showed to Mr. Jackson. The attorney was not satisfied, because the telegram was signed by an individual whose name he did not know. Daniels went forth again and two hours later returned with another alleged telegram. It read: 'Yes, we will send you \$3000 at once,' and was signed 'California Mutual Saving Fund, Loan and Building Association.'

"This time Mr. Jackson was quite satisfied, and he counted out the \$1000, for which he took a note.

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MAP DRAWING

IS WRONGLY TAUGHT IN THE FRESNO SCHOOLS.

So Says a Correspondent—The Use of Construction Lines Condemned.

Editor REPUBLICAN:—Good public schools are an inducement to intelligent people, who have children, to locate where such schools exist. In these days of progress and advancement in pedagogical ideas, when almost every town of any size has its schools conducted under a system based on a knowledge of the laws which underlie the mental development of the child, there is no excuse to have any other than good schools.

In a system of school training, knowledge is not the object as it was in the development of the power to gain knowledge. The universal law of development is exercise. The perceptive powers grow by perceiving, the memory by remembering, etc. A child learns nothing by rote, but by the use of the imagination, perception, memory, imagination and judgment have been called into natural activity. No matter how incorrect the map drawn by the child, he is learning to draw, and the law which underlies the mental development of the child, there is no excuse to have any other than good schools.

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

Smilie Brothers' Claim Before Board Again.

(Official.)

January 24, 1894.

The board met pursuant to adjournment. Present, full board.

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THE LEADING DRY GOODS HOUSE OF FRESNO

W. McCallum & Co.

SOLE AGENTS FOR FOUSSE GLOVES—CORSET DEPOT FOR CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

HEADQUARTERS FOR

Mr. Evans' explanation of the thing to do with the escape of Evans is not generally credited and Morrell's expenses is considered a very suspicious circumstance. It is stated, came to Fresno this time on December 5th.

NEWS OF THE BANDITS.

The only definite news received

He has a scar over the right eyebrow, a white spot over the left eye; a scar on the base of the left side of the neck, and one on the right side of the head.

JAMES H. HUNEZ'S STORY.

Of course a criminal of this importance now is known by as many names

Detective Thacker and other wily individuals, now that Evans has escaped, see how it could have been prevented, and are shouting out their information so that all may hear.

In an interview published in yesterday's REPUBLICAN Thacker made several

the other possees having all been
in Friday night. Sheriff Scott is
in the field with the following
posse: Ex-Sheriff O. J. Meade, John J.
White, L. P. Timmins, P. F. Peck, J.
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